

BUCKFASTLEIGH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER
OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR 1957.

I present the Vital Statistics of the Urban District for 1957,
compiled from figures supplied by the Registrar General.



The estimated mid-year population was 2,470.

Live Births	Male	21	Female	18	Total	39
Legitimate	"	19	"	17		
Illegitimate	"	2	"	1		

Still Births		
Legitimate	"	1

The corrected birth-rate is 18.47.

Two infants under one year of age died, one aged one hour and the other aged three days.

The death-rate of infants under one year of age is 43.83 per 1,000.
live births.

Deaths	Males	24	Females	17	Total	41.
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The corrected death-rate is 12.45.

The causes of death as classified by the Registrar-General are as follows:-

Malignant Neoplasm of Breast	1
Other malignant neoplasms	5
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	4
Coronary disease	2
Other heart disease	15
Other circulatory disease	2
Influenza	1
Pneumonia	2
Bronchitis	2
Ulcer of duodenum	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	4
Motor vehicle accidents	0
All other accidents	1
Suicide	1

18 of these deaths occurred in Hospitals.


The arrangements of the Age Groups prescribed by the Ministry show that:-

2 died under one year of age.

0 died in the 1 - 5 year group.

0 died in the 5 - 15 year group.

0 died in the 15 - 25 year group.



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1 died in the 25 - 45 year group.

6 died in the 45 - 65 year group.

12 died in the 65 -- 75 year group.

20 died over 75 years of age.

This shows that 78% of the deaths were over 65 years of age.

With regard to cases looked after at home by the District Nurse, or Home Help, there have been 8 of these during the year, which would otherwise have gone into hospital, and in addition, Nurse has attended 17 confinements in their own homes.

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